

## **SUMMARY**

### **4 VAC 15-360.**

**Fish: Aquatic Invertebrates, Amphibians, Reptiles, and Nongame Fish.**

### **4 VAC 15-360-10.**

**Sale of game fish, yellow perch, white perch, gizzard shad, carp, gar, and catfish.**

The amendment makes it legal to take gizzard shad and white perch from below the fall line in all tidal rivers of the Chesapeake Bay using a gill net, in accordance with Virginia Marine Resources Commission recreational gill net regulations, and size and harvest limits set by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

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**Fish: Aquatic Invertebrates, Amphibians, Reptiles, and Nongame Fish.**

**4 VAC 15-360-10. Taking aquatic invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, and nongame fish for private use.**

A. Possession limits. Except as otherwise provided for in § 29.1-418 of the Code of Virginia, 4 VAC 15-20-130, subdivision 8 of 4 VAC 15-320-40 and the sections of this chapter, it shall be lawful to capture and possess live for private use and not for sale no more than five individuals of any single native or naturalized (as defined in 4 VAC 15-20-50) species of amphibian and reptile and 20 individuals of any single native or naturalized (as defined in 4 VAC 15-20-50) species of aquatic invertebrate and nongame fish unless specifically listed below:

1. The following species may be taken in unlimited numbers from inland waters statewide: carp, bowfin, longnose gar, mullet, yellow bullhead, brown bullhead, black bullhead, flat bullhead, snail bullhead, white sucker, northern hogsucker, gizzard shad, threadfin shad, blueback herring (see 4 VAC 15-320-25 for anadromous blueback herring limits), white perch, yellow perch, alewife (see 4 VAC 15-320-25 for anadromous alewife limits), stoneroller (hornyhead), fathead minnow, golden shiner, and goldfish.
2. See 4 VAC 15-320-25 for American shad, hickory shad, channel catfish, white catfish, flathead catfish, and blue catfish limits.

3. For the purpose of this chapter, "fish bait" shall be defined as native or naturalized species of minnows and chubs (Cyprinidae), salamanders (each under six inches in total length), crayfish, and hellgrammites. The possession limit for taking "fish bait" shall be 50 individuals in aggregate, unless said person has purchased "fish bait" and has a receipt specifying the number of individuals purchased by species, except salamanders and crayfish which cannot be sold pursuant to the provisions of 4 VAC 15-360-60 and 4 VAC 15-360-70. However, stonerollers (hornyheads), fathead minnows, golden shiners, and goldfish may be taken and possessed in unlimited numbers as provided for in subdivision 1 of this subsection.

4. The daily limit for bullfrogs and snapping turtles shall be 15 and bullfrogs and snapping turtles may not be taken from the banks or waters of designated stocked trout waters.

5. The following species may not be taken in any number for private use: candy darter, eastern hellbender, diamondback terrapin, and spotted turtle.

B. Methods of taking species in subsection A. Except as otherwise provided for in the Code of Virginia, 4 VAC 15-20-130, 4 VAC 15-320-40, and other regulations of the board, and except in any waters where the use of nets is prohibited, the species listed in subsection A may only be taken by hand, hook and line, with a seine not exceeding four feet in depth by 10 feet in length, an umbrella type net not exceeding five by five feet

square, small minnow traps with throat openings no larger than one inch in diameter, cast nets, and hand-held bow nets with diameter not to exceed 20 inches and handle length not to exceed eight feet (such cast net and hand-held bow nets when so used shall not be deemed dip nets under the provisions of § 29.1-416 of the Code of Virginia). Gizzard shad and white perch may also be taken from below the fall line in all tidal rivers of the Chesapeake Bay using a gill net, in accordance with Virginia Marine Resources Commission recreational fishing regulations. Bullfrogs may also be taken by gigging or bow and arrow and, from private waters, by firearms no larger than .22 caliber rimfire.

C. Areas restricted from taking mollusks. Except as provided for in §§ 29.1-418 and 29.1-568 of the Code of Virginia, it shall be unlawful to take mussels and the spiny riversnail (*Io fluviatilis*) in the Tennessee drainage in Virginia (Clinch, Powell and the North, South and Middle Forks of the Holston Rivers and tributaries). It shall be unlawful to take mussels in the James River and tributaries west of U.S. Route 29, in the entire North Fork of the Shenandoah River, and in the entire Nottoway River.

D. Areas restricted from taking salamanders. Except as provided for in §§ 29.1-418 and 29.1-568 of the Code of Virginia, it shall be unlawful to take salamanders in Grayson Highlands State Park and on National Forest lands in the Jefferson National Forest in those portions of Grayson, Smyth and Washington Counties bounded on the east by State Route 16, on the north by State Route 603 and on the south and west by U.S. Route 58.